

## **CTAC RESOLUTION #6-05**

### **RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE MPO GOVERNING BOARD AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASS A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TAMIA MI EVERGLADES SKYWAY PROJECT 11-MILE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND REQUIRING ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FUNDING COME FROM THE MODIFIED WATERS DELIVERY PROJECT FUNDS AND/OR THE \$8.4 BILLION AUTHORIZED FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT (CERP)**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have established the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) to advise it on transportation related matters, and

WHEREAS, Tamiami Trail, the 70-mile, two-lane road that links the east and west coasts of south Florida from Miami to Naples cuts through the heart of the Everglades, interrupting the natural flow of water to America's most threatened wetlands wilderness, and

WHEREAS, the CTAC recognizes that in order to protect and enhance the natural flow of water to the Everglades, the Tamiami Trail, built in 1928, must be transformed into a modern "skyway", an environmentally sound elevated roadway that would allow unrestricted flow and restoration to Shark River Slough, the central artery of the Everglades, and

WHEREAS, the proposed "skyway" would be similar to what has been built in Louisiana, where visitors to its majestic bayous can proudly view these natural treasures on elevated highways while imposing minimal impact on water flow and wildlife movement, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Science Coordination Team of the South Florida Restoration Task Force recommended in a consensus letter to Colonel May that the preferred alternative is to raise the entire 11-mile section and stated that only by building the "skyway" could full restoration be achieved, and

WHEREAS, Congress authorized \$8.4 billion for the CERP to restore and preserve the Everglades and CTAC recommends that one hundred percent of these funds or the Modified Waters Delivery Project funds should pay for the construction of the 11-mile Tamiami Everglades Skyway project, and

WHEREAS, the CTAC recognizes that the Tamiami Everglades Skyway would provide one of the greatest benefits for water and wildlife in the entire Everglades restoration plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:**

SECTION 1: That the CTAC recommends the MPO Governing Board and Board Of County Commissioners support the Tamiami Everglades Skyway project 11-mile preferred alternative and requiring one hundred percent of the funding come from the Modified Waters Delivery Project funds and/or the \$8.4 billion authorized for the CERP.

The foregoing resolution was offered by John Westbrook, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Paul Schwiep, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rolando Acosta	- Absent	Frank Hernandez	- Aye
Andrew Burgess	- Aye	Ramon Irigoyen	- Absent
Wendy Carr	- Nay	Marlon L. Kelly, Sr.	- Aye
Kenneth Carsto	- Aye	Mario Martinez-Malo	- Absent
Rafael Casals	- Absent	Martin Nash	- Aye
Joseph M. Corradino	- Aye	Emma Pringle	- Aye
Jose J. de Almagro	- Aye	Ramon Ramos	- Aye
Carlos Diaz Padron	- Aye	Paul Schwiep	- Aye
Willie Duckworth	- Aye	Lee Swerdlin	- Absent
Daniel Fils-Aime	- Aye	Janak Thakkar	- Aye
Joseph Fontana	- Aye	Jeffrey Wander	- Aye
William Gardner, Jr.	- Aye	Norman Wartman	- Absent
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.	- Aye	John Westbrook	- Aye
Jose Garrido	- Absent	Naomi Wright	- Absent
Mac Glasgow	- Nay	Andrea Young	- Aye
Malou Harrison	- Absent	Frank Zeinali	- Aye

**Chairperson Mike Hatcher - Aye**

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 27th day of April 2005.

**CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CTAC)**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat